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Newton, MA--BC Law Professor Intisar Rabb will participate in a conference at Harvard Law School entitled "How to End a Revolution," scheduled to take place on April 13-14, 2012.

The conference, sponsored by the Mahindra Humanities Center at Harvard, will draw upon contemporary and historical examples like the Arab Spring and the French Revolution, and examine the complex, multifaceted and mutable discourse that is shaped by historians who define, politicians who declare, writers who narrate and lawyers who legitimate the end of a revolution. By analysing how people deal and death with moments of transition and by comparing their strategies, interest and narratives, the goal is to better understand the phenomenon of social and political change.

The keynote speaker at this event is Chibli Mallat, a law professor and a practicing attorney. He is the Presidential Professor of Law at the University of Utah and EU Jean Monnet Professor of European Law at Université Saint Joseph in Lebanon.

Intisar A. Rabb teaches in the areas of advanced constitutional law, criminal law, and comparative and Islamic law. She is also a research affiliate at the Harvard Law School Islamic Legal Studies Program and a 2010 Carnegie Scholar, awarded a grant for her research on "Islamic Law and Legal Change: The Internal Critique," which examines criminal law reform in the Muslim world.

Rabb received a BA with honors from Georgetown University, a JD from Yale Law School, and a PhD in Near Eastern Studies at Princeton University, where her dissertation--which won the Princeton Bayard and Cleveland Dodge Memorial Thesis Prize for Best PhD Dissertation--focused on the history and function of legal maxims in Islamic law.

"How to End a Revolution" will take place in the Thompson Room of the Barker Center, 12 Quincy St., Cambridge, MA

The event is co-sponsored by: Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, Harvard Law School, Department of History at Harvard, Department of Systems Biology at Harvard Medical School, Fares Center for Eastern Mediterranean Studies at Tufts University

For full program, see: <http://isites.harvard.edu/revolution2012>

FRIDAY, APRIL 13	SATURDAY, APRIL 14
9.15-10.15am	9.00-9.45am
Keynote Address: Prof. Chibli Mallat, University of Utah	Breakfast with Revolutionaries
<i>The Middle East Revolutionary Earthquake:</i>	Discussion with members of the Syrian opposition

<p><i>From the Right to Nonviolence to the Right Not to Bother</i></p>	<p>9.45-11.15am</p>
<p>10.30-12noon</p> <p>Session 1 – Thinking and Writing the End</p> <p>Presenters: Waseem Yaqoob (UK), Danilo Scholz (France), Raphael Koenig (US)</p> <p>Respondent: Stephen Squibb, English, Harvard University</p>	<p>Session 6 – Enacting the End: Constitutionalizing the Revolution</p> <p>Presenters: Sarah El-Ghazaly (US), James Fowkes (US), Tobias Peyerl (Switzerland)</p> <p>Respondent: Prof. Kristen Stilt, Law/History, Northwestern University/Harvard Law School</p>
<p>12.15-1.30pm</p> <p>Session 2 – New Beginnings and Persistence of the Old</p> <p>Presenters: Nana Ariel (Israel), Matthias Hansl (Germany)</p> <p>Respondent: Prof. Roger Owen, Middle East History, Harvard University</p>	<p>11.30-1.00pm</p> <p>Session 7 – The Conditions of Happy Endings</p> <p>Presenters: Vanessa Boese (Germany), Attila Mraz (Hungary), Therese Feiler (UK)</p> <p>Respondent: Prof. Malika Zeghal, Islamic Studies, Harvard University</p>
<p>2.30-3.45pm</p> <p>Session 3 – Winning the Public</p> <p>Presenters: Michael Pomeranz (US), Eric Lob (US)</p> <p>Respondent: Prof. Intisar Rabb, Law, Boston College Law School/Harvard Law School</p>	<p>2.00-3.30pm</p> <p>Playback Theatre Performance on “Freedom”</p> <p>Featuring True Story Theater and followed by a discussion</p>
<p>4.00-5.15pm</p> <p>Session 4 – Building and Constructing the End of a Revolution</p> <p>Presenters: Maor Roi (Israel), Anna Ross (UK)</p> <p>Respondent: Prof. Erika Naginski, Architectural History, Harvard Graduate School of Design</p>	<p>3.45-5.15pm</p> <p>Concluding Event: New Beginnings</p> <p>Roundtable discussion with respondents and Harvard faculty members</p>
<p>5.30-6.45pm</p> <p>Session 5 – The Uncompleted Revolution: Europe 1848</p> <p>Presenters: Klaus Seidl (Germany), Max McGuinness (US)</p> <p>Respondent: Prof. David Blackbourn, History, Harvard University</p>	

